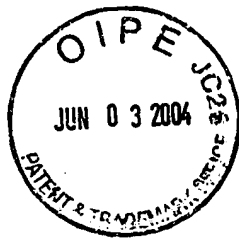


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, said period of response being extended from March 31, 2004 to May 31, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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